



OREWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER / KAWERONGO 9 December 2024

E mihi ana ki a koutou ngā whānau o te kura nei
Greetings to you all, our school whānau

What a wonderful event on Friday afternoon for our Christmas picnic and jubilee celebrations. It was an excellent turnout with so many families/whānau enjoying the performances by our Kapa Haka, as well as additional drumming in the hall, and the entertaining face painting and inflatable fun. Our day started much earlier with celebrations to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our caretaker, Mr Barry Smith. The whole school congratulated him on his service with a huge parade and a haka. Barry will continue with us until the beginning of January when he will retire to spend time travelling, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

We were also fortunate to have an amazing magician entertaining our tamariki on Friday afternoon before the Christmas picnic. Thank you JP for your marvellous magic show - the students loved it! Thank you all so much for your generous donations. If you have any unused cake boxes that were sent home, we'd love to stock them for our next event. Please drop them into the school office before the end of term. We've managed to collate a few snapshots of the evening, which can be viewed in our [gallery on the website](#) - enjoy, kia manahau!

This week we are looking forward to our celebration assemblies and our sports and Y6 prize giving events, where we can acknowledge all students achieving success. Please refer to the calendar for times.

Kotahitanga Day

On Thursday eight Year Six students ventured to Mangere Mountain Education Centre to learn about the history of the dormant volcano also known as Te Pane o Mataoho. Skylar stepped up and recited his mihi and pepeha in response to our hosts. Then along with other students from Red Beach, Ahutoetoe, Silverdale, Orewa Beach and Stanmore Bay, our Year Sixes walked up to the top of the volcano learning about different aspects of defense, cultivation and storage methods of the first inhabitants who travelled from the Pacific. The students also took part in two workshops, one, learning to make kites and then

another about native plants that have healing properties and how to identify them. Another fun aspect was the playground at the base of the volcano, which was designed with the history of the people and the maunga in mind. A very fun way to learn about local history and enjoy the summer weather.



Kotahitanga Day

Mangere Mountain
Education Centre

Thursday 5 December



**Wednesday 11 December
10:30am
OPS Staffroom**

Dear Parents/Whānau,

Have you been on a school trip this year?
Were you on camp with our Y6 students?
Have you helped with the PTA?
Did you help us with any event throughout the year?

We would like to invite all parents who have helped this year, to thank you for your support, time, words of encouragement, kindness and generosity. Most events cannot happen without the support of parents/whānau help, so please come along and join us for a **Thank You Morning Tea**.

Exciting News! Sign Up for STEMquest 2025!

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to announce that registration for our Term 1 STEMquest programme is now open!

This incredible programme offers students the opportunity to dive into the fascinating world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, through hands-on activities and engaging workshops.



Why STEMquest?

Innovative Learning: Students will explore cutting-edge topics and develop critical thinking skills.

Hands-On Experience: Interactive projects and experiments make learning fun and memorable.

Expert Guidance: Learn from industry professionals and passionate educators.

Future Ready: Equip your child with the skills needed for tomorrow's careers.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to ignite your child's passion for STEM!

Spaces are limited, so sign up today to secure your spot.

Register Now: <https://forms.gle/UCsgabwnoumqgyvZ6>

We look forward to seeing your child at STEMquest 2025!

Nāku noa, nā

Claire Janes

Principal/Tumuaki of Orewa Primary School

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who came along on Friday afternoon and supported the PTA picnic! It was an amazing afternoon - the sun shone and fun was had by all - a great way to end the school year! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help, we couldn't have done it without you. And thank you for all your support in 2024!

HOUSE T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER FOR 2025

We need your help to kick off our BIG fundraiser for 2025. By signing up you will help us start 2025 with a bang and also get your child/ren a house t-shirt in time for athletics day. To sign up simply scan the relevant QR code based on your child's House colour (see PTA Newsletter attached). Share your link with family & friends who can purchase a spot on your child's t-shirt. There are 30 spots worth between \$1 to \$30. to sign up so we know how many t-shirts we need to order in the correct sizes and house colours.

Register before the end of the school year to be in to win a \$150 Toyworld voucher! Fill all 30 spaces on your tee by the end of the campaign and go in the draw to win a Game Over party for you and 7 friends valued at \$550!

Get in touch with the PTA if you have any issues registering or have any questions:

pta@orewaprimary.school.nz

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

Please take the time to read the PTAs end of year newsletter - attached.

Sports Uniforms / School Maroon T-shirts

Please can all maroon t-shirts that were borrowed for **Softball or TAG** be returned to Mrs. Godfrey's office as soon as possible.

Basketball Singlets: These should be returned to your team manager, who will ensure they are returned as a set to the school office by Wednesday, 11th December at the latest.

Summer Football Shirts: Please return these to the school office no later than Thursday, 12th December. Teams will be able to play in dress-up on the last day.

Thank you for your cooperation! **Sam Godfrey / Sports Co-ordinator**

Sports Prize giving and Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday, 10th December

Sports Prize Giving: All Year 5 and 6 students are warmly invited to attend the Sports Prize Giving at **6.00pm on Tuesday 10 December**. Please wear your school uniform. Year 6 Graduation: This event will begin at **7.00pm on Tuesday 10 December**. All Year 6 students are expected to attend. Year 6 students should arrive at school 15 minutes before the graduation ceremony starts.

Changes to Bus Route 2025

If you are considering using the school bus service in 2025, please be advised of the changes to **School Bus Route 2**. The adjustment has been made to improve safety. Maygrove Drive is too narrow for a large bus due to trees and parked cars, making it unsuitable for safe travel. As a result, the route will now loop around Lakeside Drive in an anticlockwise direction. In the attachment, you will find more details of the changes, as well as a map.

Go-Deli Lunch Orders via myKindo

Go-Deli is closing for the Christmas season and their last day for online orders will be on **Friday, 13 December**.



**ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN**

Now booking Years 2-6
students In-School Math
Tutoring for 2025!

Thinking Caps
Tutoring

Chat with us today!
09 424 3536

Build
confidence with
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www.thinkingcaps.co.nz

The advertisement features a blue border and a light blue background. At the top, the text 'ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN' is in large, bold, pink letters. Below this, 'Now booking Years 2-6 students In-School Math Tutoring for 2025!' is in green. The 'Thinking Caps Tutoring' logo, which includes two blue caps, is positioned to the right of a green speech bubble icon. A green speech bubble contains the text 'Chat with us today! 09 424 3536'. A dark blue circle on the left contains the text 'Build confidence with the new Math curriculum!'. At the bottom, a pink banner displays the website 'www.thinkingcaps.co.nz'. Two children, a girl in a green shirt and a boy in a blue shirt, both wearing caps, are standing in the center.

Important Dates for Your Calendars - Term 4 2024	
Monday 9 December - Friday 13 December	Children's Community Dental Mobile Clinic on site
Tuesday 10 December	Tuākana Team Celebration Assembly 11am Sports Prizegiving 6pm Y6 Graduation 7pm
Wednesday 11 December	Tēina Team Celebration Assembly 9.30am
	Parents Thank You morning tea - 10:30am in the staffroom
Thursday 12 December	Board Meeting 6pm
Friday 13 December	Tuākana Team Market Day
Tuesday 17 December	End of Term - School finishes at <u>12pm</u>
Wednesday 18 December	Teacher Only Day
Monday 3 February 2025	Term 1 Begins at 9am



**HOLIDAY
CODING
ACTIVITIES**

 **CODINGNZ**

- Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors.
- Ages 9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+
- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

Sign up for free at
codingnz.com/freeactivity



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KELLY CLUB OREWA UPDATE

What's been happening...

Watch out! We have been practicing the way of the Ninja this week. With Ninja headbands, and using our senses to the extreme, hunting down mortal enemies, and even making our own ninjabread men, we have had a blast!



What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Christmas is Coming!			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Orewa	
		Term 4 Week 9, 9th December 2024				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:15 am	Colouring in Comp & Structured Free Time	Salt Dough Ornaments & Structured Free Time	Dance Bottle & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Chicken Tag	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Musical Statues	Game: Jingle Bell Toss	Game: Captain's Coming	
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yogurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muffins & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Poison Pale	Game: Jedi Dodgeball	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Flying Reindeer	CRAFT Christmas Characters	GAME Beach Flags	COOKING Christmas Cookies	SPORT Non-stop Cricket	
						
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Veggie Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Playground Time	Playground Time	Playground Time	Playground Time	Playground Time	
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	
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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Health alerts and advice from Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Pertussis (whooping cough) awareness and prevention

A pertussis epidemic was declared across Aotearoa New Zealand on 22 November.

[Whooping cough epidemic declared across Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand](#)

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) can be particularly severe, and sometimes fatal, for babies many of whom require hospital care.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is encouraging those who are pregnant or have regular contact with young babies or preschool children to check they are up to date with pertussis vaccinations.

[Whooping cough \(pertussis\) vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

Protect against measles

Measles is a serious and extremely contagious disease that affects adults and children.

Measles is increasing in countries that Kiwis travel to frequently, including South-East Asia, Europe and the United States.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is encouraging vaccination for people who do not have immunity to measles, particularly those who are planning to travel overseas in the school holidays.

[Measles Immunity – Health New Zealand](#)

[Measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

Funded meningococcal vaccines for eligible rangatahi

Meningococcal disease spreads easily in close living situations and can be fatal within hours.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is encouraging rangatahi to get a meningococcal vaccine if they are entering their first year of shared accommodation in a boarding school hostel, university halls of residence, military barracks or youth justice facility.

[Meningococcal vaccines – Health New Zealand](#)

Support with checking vaccination records

Advice about vaccines and immunisation records for children aged 16 and under is available from the free vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26, 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Māori, Pacific and disability support services are available to provide assistance.

[Vaccination Healthline - Healthpoint](#)